

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

In the Senate, on the 19th, certificates of election of the presidential electors in New Jersey, Missouri and Louisiana, were received. Mr. Frye presented a resolution instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire into the condition of affairs at Samoa and report to the Senate what steps have been taken to maintain the neutrality of the island and what action, if any, is demanded. The remainder of the session was occupied in the discussion of the Senate tariff bill.

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CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

On the 10th rumors were current in San Francisco that the overland train on the Pacific coast was ditched on the 9th, between Peach Springs and Williams, Ariz., and a number of passengers killed. The 10th Hatcher, the Arizona, who made a desperate attempt to assassinate his benefactor, James Bruce, at Indianapolis, was arrested in a farm-house in Shelby County, in that State.

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The favor shown by the Czar of Russia to the divorced wife of King Milan of Serbia is regarded as an indication of the early downfall of the latter.

L. A. STEWART, a prominent business man of Pittsburgh, Pa., died suddenly on the 13th.

An Indianapolis special to the New York Press stated that the Indiana Legislature refused to allow the reception room of the Governor in the Capitol to be used for the reception of Mr. and Mrs. Morton on the 13th.

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On the 12th all the treasury officials in Madrid were imprisoned pending an inquiry into the robbery of \$200,000 from the Spanish Government's deposit bank in that city.

On the 12th a meeting of the Senate committee on education and labor was held to listen to arguments by delegates to the Sabbath convention, being held at Washington, on the Sunday Observance bill pending in the committee.

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island has ordered that a bicycle is a vehicle.

On the 11th the Austrian Reichsrath passed the Military bill by an almost unanimous vote.

On the 12th official notice was sent to the passenger agents of all railroads in the West and Northwest that, at the expiration of ten days, passenger rates will be restored to the former basis.

The New York World says that representative Catholics of New York City discredit the recent cable dispatch stating that the Pope, in refusing to bless certain medals intended for distribution in Ireland, said that the people of Ireland "seemed to prefer the gospel of Dillon and O'Brien to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

A MOVEMENT has begun in West Virginia to change the name of the State, and the committee of the legislature, known as the name of a West Virginia river, has been suggested as the new name of the State.

A BILL has been introduced in the South Carolina Legislature to reduce the pension of South Carolina ex-Confederate soldiers from five dollars a month to thirty dollars a year.

A SEARCH of the cells and persons of the prisoners in the Tennessee State prison at Nashville, a few days ago, revealed a whole arsenal of small arms and other appliances, which it is believed were found in the prison house.

It is announced that Persia has waived her objections to the appointment of a Russian Consul at Meshed, and the Czar will send a Consul there at once.

Extraordinary Congress has been convened at Lima, Peru, for January 1, 1889, to consider and arrange the external debt of the country, and to consider also a modification which will be proposed by the Minister of Hacienda respecting the national debt.

On the 13th the American Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Ghost at St. Francis, Cal., elected Bishop Lyman. Two hundred and fifty Americans and Englishmen attended the services.

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FOREIGN BUDGET.

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OSMAN DIGNA'S TRUMP CARD.

LOSAN, Dec. 15.—It is evident from the non-committal reply Mr. Smith gave in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon to questions regarding the capture of Emin Bey and Henry M. Stanley that the government is completely non-plussed, and has no accurate information in the matter, further than is generally known.

It is generally conceded that Osman Digna holds a trump card, against which his opponents are powerless to play, and that the government can only yield on the former's own terms.

It is believed in the lobbies of the House last night that the regular meeting of the House of Commons will be held on the 16th, and that the people of Ireland "seemed to prefer the gospel of Dillon and O'Brien to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

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KACE TROUBLES IN MISSISSIPPI.

Kemper County the Scene of a Terrible Tragedy—Chances Between Whites and Blacks, in Which Three White Men Are Killed.

MEMPHIS, Miss., Dec. 17.—This morning a number of telegrams were received here stating that a riot had occurred at Wabash, Kemper county, fifty miles north of Memphis, and that Holly Morton, of this place, had been killed.

A party of twenty men was at once organized and left for the scene on the regular passenger train.

On the 16th night, the negroes and whites had a fight with the negroes and that several of them had been wounded.

These rumors were set aside by the arrival of the regular passenger train on the 17th, which reported that everything was quiet, and that their presence was not needed.

They told the following story of the riot: The negroes, who were led by G. F. Nicholson, a prominent farmer of Kemper county, were driving a wagon along the road leading to Wabash, when they met a negro driving a team of mules.

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